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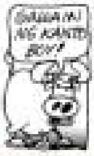
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Energy audit team to conduct surprise spot checks on all agencies

TEAMS of "energy police" will conduct spot checks to ensure compliance with a directive for government offices to cut power use by at least 10 percent.



FAN, WALK, hold virtual meetings. These are some of President Arroyo's proposals to drive her energy conservation program during a round-table forum at the Palace on Thursday, which was televised live.

RP worker killed in Iraq attack; 2 more hurt

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Gov't to feed 7.5M pupils with 'NutriVEN'

IT'S BIG, it's ambitious, and it may well be the most extensive mass feeding program in Philippine history.



GOD'S OWN GREENERY In the midst of the asphalt jungle, there breathes the lungs of a city, the Quezon Memorial Circle with its wide open spaces under cover of trees and tranquility. A place to be silent and still in the company of loved ones. One side of the park honors the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth, Manuel L. Quezon.

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Jueteng lords not sold on Bingo Combo

By Christian V. Esguerra

BINGO Combo, the new multi-million-peso game of chance purportedly being readied by Malacañang to replace "jueteng," does not enjoy the support of the country's alleged biggest illegal gambling lords.



DOCUMENTS expert Segundo Tabayoyong inspects the bundles of documents seized from his rented house in San Mateo recently. The documents were returned to him and former Sen. Loren Legarda yesterday.

'CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE'

Loren's papers returned

'HELLO GARCI'

Congress wants tapes authenticated elsewhere

By Philip C. Tubeza

Enrile says defection had Erap's blessing

By TJ Burgonio, Nelson F. Flores and Christine O. Avendaño

SENATOR Juan Ponce Enrile's move to forge a "working coalition" with the 14-man majority in the Senate had the approval of opposition party leader former President Joseph Estrada.

"I cleared it with the president of the Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino (PMP), Erap," Enrile, who chairs PMP, told reporters yesterday. "And then I discussed this with Senator (Jinggoy) Estrada and Sen. Dr. Loi Estrada."

"He (the senior Estrada) agreed. He allowed me to go ahead and establish a working coalition with the majority in the Senate."

Enrile on Wednesday announced he had decided to align himself with members of the majority, most of them allies of President Macapagal-Arroyo, because he wanted to ensure the passage of key legislation.

The Palace yesterday said the addition of Enrile to the Senate majority was a "welcome development."

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said that the Palace believed Enrile when he said that his decision to move to the Senate majority was for the national interest. "We thank Senator Enrile for taking such a position because this is the same position taken by the President, that unity should be based on the national interest," he said.

But Estrada yesterday denied speculations that Enrile's move was part of a reconciliation deal with the administration.

Estrada, through his spokesperson former Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen, said Enrile's joining the Senate majority was for a "working purpose only." He said Enrile would cooperate with the administration as long as it would serve the interest of the people but that his cooperation would end there.

"Enrile is still not a member of the administration coalition. His transfer to the majority block entailed no compromise," Estrada said. "The move was only meant to help the passage of bills that would help the economy."

Enrile himself stressed his jump had nothing to do with earlier reconciliation talks between the Arroyo and Estrada camps. "The basis is personal to me and second it's for the interest of the country," he said.

He insisted he would stay on as PMP chair and opposition senator.



ENRILE

He added, "I have to work with some people to put across legislation. So now, like this anti-trust measure, I can't push this alone. I have to push it with the help of other senators."

But Sen. Manuel "Lito" Lapid said Enrile joined the administration because he was furious with the minority bloc's move to replace him with Sen. Jamby Madrigal at the influential Commission on Appointments.

"They tried to replace him with Jamby. His ego was hurt," Lapid said in an interview. He recalled that Enrile had wanted to join the majority as early as June when the Senate adjourned sine die in June.

Enrile actually broke his ties with the minority after his former colleagues insinuated that he was an "opportunist" at the height of the debate on the expanded Value Added Tax measure.

Before the Senate adjourned sine die in June, he fought off moves by the minority bloc, led by Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., to oust him from the CA over his supposed "pro-administration" stance.

Pimentel said yesterday Enrile's decision virtually preempted the minority bloc from reviving its move to oust him from the CA.

"He knows we will take moves to oust him from the opposition and this makes his position in the CA a little shaky. We are happy that he spared us the trouble of having to oust him. We wish him well," he said in an interview.

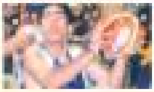
He added, "I'm sure that the administration can make use of his vast talents and experience in governance."

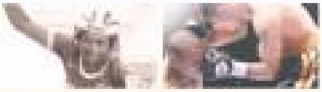
Despite getting the senior Estrada's imprimatur, Enrile indicated he wasn't keen on seeking the Senate's top post, currently held by Senate President Franklin Drilon, head of the Liberal Party bloc in the upper chamber.

"You're giving me too much importance. Nobody ever suggested to me that I will become a Senate President. I've not thought of it, even in my dreams," he said.

SPORTS

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RP-SMB cagers buck fiery Korean sniping

BRUNEI—The RP-San Miguel Beer team followed its game plan to perfection in hacking out a dramatic 97-95 come-from-behind win over South Korea's SK Knights Wednesday night in the 5th Shell Rimula Cup at the National Indoor Stadium here.

Filipino athletes to live in hotels, too

23rd SEA Games

Eagles slip past Maroons; Falcons trounce Bulldogs

'DON'T MAKE US SCAPEGOATS'

No RUT cuts, says Road Board

By Leila B. Salaverria

ROAD Board executive director Rodolfo Puno yesterday branded as "hogwash" the claims that its executives had approached lawmakers in hopes of forging a deal to get 30 percent of the latter's allocation from the Road Users' Tax (RUT) for road works.

Puno said it was not possible for the executives to deal with congressmen because the funds do not go to them but rather to engineering districts, as he said on Wednesday.

"That's hogwash. How is that possible? The funds don't even go to congressmen, they go to district engineers," he said in a phone interview.

Puno also said it was not possible for Road Board executives to get part of the allocation because the funds are bidded out to contractors through the Internet.

He welcomed the plan of the House committee on good governance to investigate how the Road Board determines the fund allocations for certain areas.

"I am very willing to explain to the congressmen how it's all being done, lay it all out," he said.

Bert Suansing, a member of the Road Board who represents the private sector, also said he was confident the lawmakers would find its processes and criteria objective and transparent.

"It's something we can defend even in Plaza Miranda," he added.

Suansing also said that once the hearings begin, it would be a good opportunity for the lawmakers to understand how the board works and see what it utilizes, like the World Bank program employed to determine where road works are needed.

But according to Puno, it may also be difficult to get lawmakers to understand how the Road Board works if they are intent on ascribing political intentions in its actions.

"Don't they say that the hardest to get to hear you are those who are playing deaf and the hardest to get to see things are those pretending to be blind?" he asked.

He appealed to lawmakers to stop dragging the Road Board into politics.

"Do not make us the scapegoat. We have a perfectly legal program that's being dragged into political intrigues," he said.

SC RULING

Tapes not enough to convict for libel

Paying debt 'honorable thing' to do

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Juliet Labog-Javellana

DESPITE the twin threats of eroding fiscal stability and surging oil prices, the government will religiously pay its debts because it is the "honorable thing" to do.

"We must pay our past and present obligations. Otherwise, we will face severe economic sanctions that will only ruin the Philippine economy," Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said at a briefing yesterday.

The outstanding public sector debt amounted to P5.3 trillion as of December last year.

Malacañang is proposing a total of P721.7 billion in debt payments for next year, consisting of P340 billion in interest payments and P381 billion in principal amortization.

Interest payments, up 12 percent from this year's allocation, already account for a third of the proposed budget of P1.05 trillion for 2006.

Bunye said the Arroyo administration had little to do with the country's debts because these were "acquired from a chain of borrowings dating back to past administrations."

Administration Sen. Joker Arroyo holds a different view. Last year, the senator said "the borrowings of the three-year Arroyo administration are bigger than the combined borrowings of the (Fidel) Ramos and Erap (Joseph Estrada) administrations for eight years."

Behest loans

A significant part of the country's debts are behest loans the Marcos regime granted to its cronies. These loans, which were later assumed by the government, are still being serviced by taxpayers.

There have been mounting calls for the government to seek debt relief from creditors over the past few years but the administration has brushed these suggestions aside.

Saying P931 million a day for interest payments was too much, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago said she would ask the Senate to limit debt servicing in the 2006 national budget to levels that would match the growth of the Philippine economy.

"It appears that . . . we have already repaid twice our external debt. Further, we have paid our foreign creditors five times more in debt service than we have received as official development aid," Santiago said.

Reduce debt service

Santiago said that in the budget deliberations, the government should try to avoid the terms imposed by the International Monetary Fund and deal directly with its creditors.

"We should support an international program to reduce debt service by 75 percent and to reduce the debt capital also by 75 percent. The Senate should even discuss the possibility of canceling one-third of the nonconcessional debt, as well as the long-term rescheduling of concessional loans," she said.

Sen. Manuel Villar, chair of the Senate finance committee, reiterated his call for the government to reduce its massive debts and seek debt relief.

He said international creditors would be the main beneficiaries of the national budget next year.

"Debt servicing continues to corner the bulk of the country's yearly budget and revenues, to the detriment of allotment for social services. The health, education and social welfare sectors have to take a back seat to interest payments. This vicious cycle has got to stop once and for all," Villar said.

Cancel odious debts

He has filed Senate Bill No. 128 seeking to create a council for debt relief to review bilateral and multilateral loan agreements and treaties entered into by the government. The bill also seeks the cancellation of odious debts and restructuring of debts for easy payments.

Sen. Ralph Recto, chair of the Senate ways and means committee, said interest payments alone would likely exceed the P1-billion mark next year.

Sen. Mar Roxas, chair of the Senate committee on economic affairs, said the Senate would make a "very detailed examination" of the proposed budget.

Roxas noted that the proposed budget had a deficit target of P150 billion.

The Department of Finance has warned the government would likely miss its target of an extra P15 billion this year from higher taxes on tobacco and alcohol products, following weak first-half revenues from cigarettes.

Bit carrot

In the House of Representatives, Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran said the budget talks should be deferred until President Macapagal-Arroyo was replaced.

Beltran said there was no point talking about the 2006 budget when there could be a new and different administration next year.

"This is yet another budget program that's severely twisted, seeing that like its predecessors it prioritizes foreign debt servicing and intelligence.

"The insensitivity of this administration is appalling. The times call for radical restructuring of the budget, to have it directed toward expenditures that will concretely and directly give aid to Filipinos and their ailing families. Public housing, education and health are sure to get the short end of the stick again," he said.

Beltran said he believed that the proposed budget would be used like a very big carrot to woo officials and dissuade them from abandoning Ms Arroyo. *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*



Judge guilty of bribery, gets 3 years

By Nelson Flores

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The WORLD



North Korea got nuke machines, Pakistan confirms

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan—Pakistan President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf confirmed Tuesday for the first time that a Pakistani nuclear scientist had provided North Korea with centrifuge machines that could be used to make fuel for an atomic bomb, a Japanese news agency reported.

Muslim city in Russia heartland celebrates 1,000th anniversary

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6 dead after Gaza pullout

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SMALLEST OF THE SMALL



CHAVEZ REUTERS

US preacher apologizes for Chavez remarks

WASHINGTON—Conservative US preacher Pat Robertson apologized Wednesday for urging Washington to assassinate Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, then went on to compare him to Saddam Hussein and to suggest the United States could one day be at war with his oil-rich country.

"Is it right to call for assassination? No, and I apologize for that statement. I spoke in frustration," Robertson said in a lengthy "clarification" posted on his website.

The former presidential candidate and staunch supporter of US President George W. Bush said the world was ignoring the threat posed by "the out-of-control dictator of Venezuela."

Chavez, he said, "has found common cause with terrorists," is reportedly seeking nuclear technology from Iran and "intends to fund the violent overthrow of democratically elected governments throughout South America, beginning with neighboring Colombia."

"I said before the war in Iraq began that the wisest course would be to wage war against Saddam Hussein, not the whole nation of Iraq. When faced with the threat of a comparable dictator in our own hemisphere, would it not be wiser to wage war against one person rather than finding ourselves down the road locked in a bitter struggle with a whole nation?"

Chavez, a twice-elected leftist and close ally of Cuban President Fidel Castro, has often said Washington would like to assassinate him, and accuses the Bush administration of orchestrating a coup d'etat that toppled him for 47 hours in April 2002.

During his television show, "The 700 Club," on Monday, Robertson had said of Chavez: "I don't know about this doctrine of assassination, but if he thinks we're trying to assassinate him, I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it."

"Without question, this is a dangerous enemy to our south, controlling a huge pool of oil, that could hurt us very badly," Robertson added. Venezuela is the fourth provider of oil to the United States.

The incendiary remarks came at the close of a long report by Robertson's Christian Broadcasting Network news team on Chavez's anti-US rhetoric and growing links to Communist Cuba and Arab nations.

The State Department said Wednesday that US Ambassador to Caracas William Brownfield had been in contact with a Venezuelan government official over the remarks.

"The message that we conveyed was the same one you heard from me at the podium yesterday," spokesperson Sean McCormack told reporters.

Tuesday, Washington distanced itself from Robertson's comments but did not explicitly condemn them.

"I would say that Pat Robertson is a private citizen and that his views do not represent the policy of the United States," McCormack said, describing the comments as "inappropriate."

"As we have said before, any allegations that we are planning to take hostile action against the Venezuelan government are completely baseless and without fact," McCormack added. *AFP*

Past comments by Pat Robertson

"I THINK (federal judges) are destroying the fabric that holds our nation together … The gradual erosion of the consensus that's held our country together is probably more serious than, than a few bearded terrorists who fly into buildings."—*Robertson earlier this year on activist judges. He later said his comments were taken out of context.*

"When lawlessness is abroad in this land, the same thing will happen here that happened in Nazi Germany. Many of those people involved in Adolf Hitler were Satanists, many of them were homosexuals—the two seem to go together."—*Robertson in 1993 after President Bill Clinton announced he was ordering an end to a ban on gays in the military.*

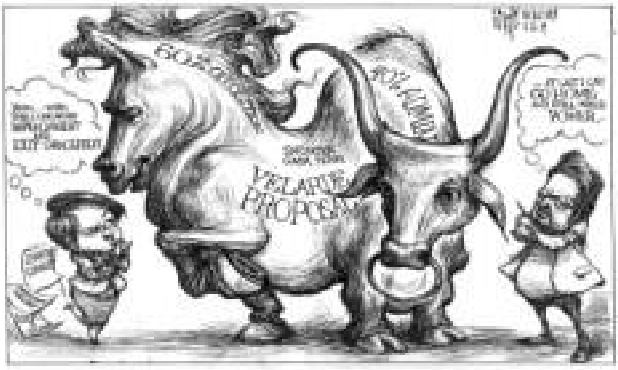
"I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes and I don't think I'd be waving those flags in God's face."—*Robertson about a gay event in Florida in 1998. He added that widespread gay activity "will bring about terrorist bombs. It'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor."*

In a fund-raising letter in 1992 in opposition to a proposed equal rights amendment to the Iowa Constitution, Robertson said it was part of a "feminist agenda" that "is not about equal rights for women." Instead, "it is about a socialist, antifamily political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

Robertson later denied writing the letter, saying an aide was the author. *AP*

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OPINION



Shenanigans

EDITORIAL

THE LATE Sen. Genaro Magsaysay once famously said, "No talk, no mistake." Party-list Rep. Eulogio Magsaysay should have heeded those words, for then he wouldn't have had his 15 minutes of fame (or notoriety). Living up (or down) to Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez's dictum that "politics is addition," Magsaysay withdrew his support from the impeachment complaint.

The opposition countered that with Representatives Robert Jaworski Jr., Robert Ace Barbers Jr., Edmund Reyes Jr., Renato Magtubo and Gilbert Remulla signing the amended complaint, it still registered a net gain of supporters.

All these gains and losses are, of course, temporary with the political tide ebbing and flowing like waves on a seashore. Both sides are claiming that they're on the verge of tactical victory with Speaker Jose de Venecia saying Magsaysay will be followed by others, and the opposition suggesting that others, like the Nacionalista Party members, are preparing to throw their support behind them.

The saying that the impeachment battle in the House is a "numbers game" has been repeated like a mantra by both sides. However, the side that really has the numbers is the majority, and small defections aside, it is managing to hold.

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Reduce 'colorum' buses in Metro, save gas

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Across the NATION

TRO on Maliksi suspension issued

TRECE MARTIRES CITY—After nine sleepless nights, Cavite Gov. Erineo "Ayong" Maliksi will finally enjoy the comforts of his bed at home.

The Court of Appeals (CA) yesterday granted Maliksi's request for a temporary restraining order (TRO), which blocked the Office of the Ombudsman from implementing its six-month suspension order on him.

Maliksi admitted having sleepless nights after he holed himself up inside his office at the capitol where he was ordered suspended by the Ombudsman last week.

In a three-page resolution, Associate Justice Ruben Reyes of the CA Fifth Division issued the 60-day TRO against the Ombudsman to avoid "any grave and irreparable injury" to the Cavite governor.

The ruling said the Ombudsman failed to give Maliksi due process to allow him to explain his position on the graft charges filed by Vice Gov. Juanito Remulla regarding the alleged anomalous purchase of P7.5 million [illegible] last year.

The TRO was signed by Reyes and concurred in by Associate Justices [illegible].

The CA directed Maliksi to post the required P500,000 bond within five days.

It also ordered the Ombudsman and Remulla to explain within 10 days why the preliminary injunction on Maliksi's case should not be given. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

2 Negros provinces agree to go 'organic'

Stray dog attacks in Lanao on the rise

Couple land in jail as they seek daughter's freedom from TV cult



Arrest of execs in ₱46-M co-op fund scam ordered



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17 Chinese poachers to get pardon, says group

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SONGBIRDS at a fund-raiser two years ago, MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando and his wife Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando.

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Garbage crisis looms in 3 cities, 1 town

By DJ Yap and Jocelyn R. Uy



THESE dump trucks did not make the regular rounds in San Juan, Mandaluyong, Malabon, and Caloocan yesterday.

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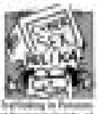
Hard-working grandma



Not so fast

All's well that ends well

Costly escort service



Elevators cause early morning scare

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

Museum proposed for Arroceros

By Tina G. Santos

Pasay police arrest suspected abortionist

By Jocelyn R. Uy



POLICE found tools of the trade in the house of a suspected abortionist on Wednesday.

Oil firm pays P5.4M for gas leak damage

By DJ Yap

Help your church, Miaa chief tells employees

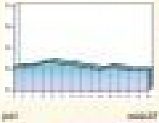
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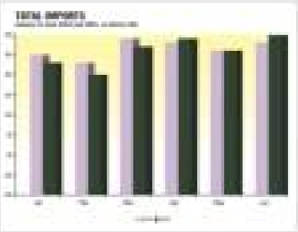
STOCK MARKET

Shares close flat

June imports rise 6%

25.5% increase in cost of fuel purchases blamed

THE COUNTRY'S merchandise imports rose by 6 percent in June from a year earlier due largely to the rising cost of crude.



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Audi fiscal reversed

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice has reversed the Pangasinan fiscal who filed an estafa through falsification of public documents case against the Germany-based chair of Audi and the entire board of the automotive company.

Because of the estafa complaint and ensuing warrants of arrest, the former official distributor of Audi vehicles, Auto Prominence, posted "wanted" advertisements in the newspapers, complete with the mug shots, like wanted criminals, of the Audi executives.

In ordering the withdrawal of the estafa complaint, the DOJ said none of the Audi board members accused even signed the distributorship agreement that Audi subsequently cancelled with Auto Prominence.

"It is highly incongruous to impute criminal liability to someone who has no clear participation in the criminal acts complained of," said State Prosecutor Olivia Non in reversing Pangasinan prosecutor Abraham Ramos.

Besides, the alleged failure of Audi to comply with its alleged contractual obligation with Auto Prominence is neither deceit nor falsification but, at best, a civil liability.

Citing poor sales and substandard showroom and after-sales support, Audi cancelled the distributorship and dealership agreement with Auto Prominence, and awarded the same to PGA Cars of insurance magnate Robert Coyiuto Jr.

An incensed Auto Prominence later sued Audi, and placed Wild, Wild West-style newspaper advertisements about the Audi board of directors, which prompted even German Ambassador Axel Weishaupt to register his government's protest over the Philippine administration of justice.

Audi is being represented by lawyer Jose Bernas; Auto Prominence, by Purita Hontanosas-Cortes.

Money from Palawan soil

ONE of the early beneficiaries of the decision of the Palawan government to relax mining restrictions

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

on the island province is businessman Ramon "Monchoy" Garcia, a.k.a. the brother of Antonio Garcia of Chemphil/Reynolds repute.

According to the grapevine, Monchoy is moving to immediately start operations in Berong town, now that the Palawan government has lifted mining elevation level to 1,000 meters from the previous 300-meter ceiling.

COCKTALES/ B4

Coffee groups focus on special varieties



Small power users exempt from VAT law

Transco, CDC to improve power service in Clark

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LIFESTYLE



When a picture paints a thousand fashions

Pinoy designers take inspiration from French fashion illustrations

IT was a classic French twist to an otherwise typical fashion show.













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Do you have the 'Belo syndrome'?

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Thelma Sioson San Juan



Latest vogue

Why go for procedures?



CHANDELIER earrings are back in fashion. Earrings by Nicole Wheelock and Quil Drip Angeles.



SHOW your playful side with these whimsical, quirky accessories from Artifact.





THESE leather belts with enamel buckles from Shiv'n'ki Kahaana are definitely fab finds!

Old fashion is the new find



APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

PINOYS love bazaars and tiangge shopping. The weekly sometimes monthly bazaars in the NBC Tent in the World Trade Center and the almost year-round Greenhills tiangge are testaments to that fact.

But if you ask me, bazaars are, more often than not, run-of-the-mill affairs that offer just about the same things, [illegible]

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LOOK fresh and pretty in breezy pieces such as the Adhi's rhinestone-studded top, authentic Indian skirt, assorted glass bangles and Punjabi jutti from Shiv'n'ki Kahaana.



GO glam with Amina Aranaz's beaded bag and New Yorker's embellished sabots.

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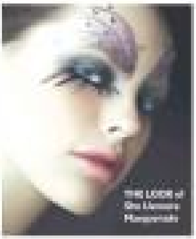
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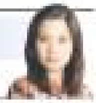


LIMITED-EDITION eyelash curlers in black and gold



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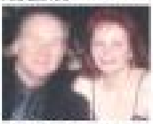


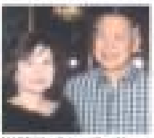


Birthday lunch at old Dutch homestead



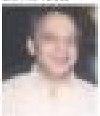




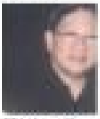












WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH











